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## eRegistry a Success at the Executive Office for Immigration Review

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – On June 10, 2013, the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) launched its eRegistry, an electronic registration for attorneys and fully accredited representatives who represent aliens in proceedings before EOIR's immigration courts and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).

As of July 10, 2013, approximately 5,000 practitioners have completed both steps of the two-step registration process. Step one is the completion of an online form to create an electronic profile. After receiving a confirmation email from EOIR, practitioners must complete step two, an in-person appearance at an immigration court or at the BIA to verify the registrant's identity. After completing both steps, registrants will receive an EOIR ID number, which they will use to file EOIR-27s and EOIR-28s, notices of entry of appearance before EOIR. To date, EOIR has received approximately 200 electronically filed forms.

This notice serves as a reminder to all attorneys and fully accredited representatives who wish to practice before the immigration courts and the BIA to complete the eRegistry process by Dec. 10, 2013. On that date, registration becomes a requirement to appear before EOIR. The eRegistry is part of a long-term plan to create an electronic case access and filing system. Complete details on eRegistry are available at <a href="http://www.justice.gov/eoir/engage/eRegistration.htm">http://www.justice.gov/eoir/engage/eRegistration.htm</a>.

## — EOIR —

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — whom the Department of Homeland Security charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.